

HOW CROOK AND KELLEY WERE KIDNAPPED

Daring Exploit of McNeill's Rangers-Without Firing a Gun the Deed Was Done. Commended by Lee.

BY W. G. McDOWELL. in account of the capture of Maj-Genof the War Between the States, that the names of some of the prominent parties on that raid that could be desired. John Hanson McNeill, for the purpose of holding him as a hostage for certhreatening to execute as guerrillas. Before this movement could be executgallant Captain MeNeill poured altar, in the fall of 1861, in a fight near Mount Jackson, Va. The command of the rangers then fell upon his killant and courageous son. Jesse, near Romney. They had been them who was next in rank. who was next in rank. Owing to the Early hesitated to give him full con- city, some of the Johnny Rebs entered

farly hesitated to give him tune con-trol of the rangers, but made several efforts to get some one who, in his opinion, would be more competent to wear the mantle of his distinguished wear the mantle of his distinguished Licutenant McNeill, who determined to thought was his gallantry in a fight do some daring act to prove himself at the town of Philippi, which was a and knowing of the suggestion of Fay to his father, he approached Fay, and to his father, he approached ray, and on his father, he approached ray, and consulted him about the feasibility of getting into Cumberland, Md., and turnd and brought a short distance, but the pony could not stand the gait to Confederates were obliged to getting into Cumberland, Md., and capturing Generals Kelley and Crook. Cumberland was Fay's native place, and "he knew it like a book." Several times during the war he had eneral times during for a week at one on the side of the road.

The horse "Philippi" was captured by soldier named John Arnold, of vate Jacob Gassman, of Company F. Seventh Regiment of Virginia Cavairy, to accompany Eay, as Gassman's home of pickets and the entrance into the city has long since become history, so I will not detail it interesting as it is. McNeill came near ruining the undertaking by firling on one of the pickets outside of the city. were two details made to go to the two hotels to capture the two generals. Mr. and the detail for his capture was un-Kuykendall, of Company F. Seventh Virginia Cavalry, a special scout of General Early's, and who had one time been in the hands of General Kelley as a prisoner, and whom Keiley recognized when commanded to surrend-Kelley asked "to whom do I surrendhotel was captured Major Melvin, Kelley's adjutant-general, afterwards distinguished judge of West Vir- | their Joseph L. Vandiver, who passed himself off as General Rosser, and under him were Jacob Gassman and Sergeant Charles James Dalley, Gassman had been clerk in this hotel, which was then owned by his uncle, and Dalley's father was then proprietor of the hotel. After first capturing the guard in front of the door of the hotel, they knocked at the door, which was opened by a negro named Bill Cooper, who both Gassman and Dalley knew, and to an inquiry, "Is General Crook in?" he answered, "No!" and when they showthey had previously found the number, cigars was handed General Kelley be

no longer hesitancy. Gassman and Kelley and Crook, of the U. S. A. wardrobe, they both jumped for the e morning of February 21, 1865, general's field glasses. Dailey claimtent Jesse C. McNeill, and a few volun-teers from Company F. of the Seventh, and Company D. of the Eleventh Vir-Cavalry, Rosser's Brigade, a Gassman's trousers were about ex-of sixty men, who, one and a helf hausted in the Confederate service, I unded by an encampaient of wore the general's pants with com- ant McNeill, with thirty men, on the by a darky watchman at the hotel s,000 soldiers, accomplishing mendable pride for at least two years morning of the 21st, entered Cumber- who escaped from them, and within most daring and successful after the war closed and concluded he land, captured and brought out Gen-

been omitted, whether inten-ly or not, I know not and my and out of deers when one of the soland out of doors, when one of the solor and out of doors, when one of the sol-urpose in writing this article is to diers very gallantly relinquished his much credit for the bold exploit. Their unnecessary delay. A second force has vithout detracting from those whose saddle to him and he rode behind prisoners will reach Staunton to-day, gone from New Creek to Moorefield, employe in the Post-Office De- eral to keep him warm, as there was artment at Washington, D. C. more ice and snew on the ground. All han to any other individual is due parties now started for Dixle by the ressful planning and carrying nearest possible route, but not the one the enterprise. Previous to by which they had entered the city for ine Fay had proposed the cap-ine Fay had proposed the cap-of General Kelley to his captain, and had to abantion. Balley's father. Hanson McNeill, for the purpose was asleep in the hotel, and though in of McNelli's men who were in time, the son dared not go to the hands of Kelley, and whom he was father's room. Fay and Haller had near Romney. They had scarcely left the city when the negro Bill Cooper that Lieutenant Jesse McNeill had gave the alarm, a cannon was fired, reputation of being excitable and arousing the soldiers, and a cavalry indiscrete; General Jubal pursuit was started. On leaving the very naturally nettled citizens of West Virginia for what they

tered it, remaining for a week at one time, though a large proportion of its by a soldier named John Arnold, of Company F, Seventh Virginia Cavairy, he best method of entering the federate money and sixty days fur-federacy was cut in two, and one of Lieutenant McNeill asked Pri-lough for "Philippi." A bargain was its armies was retreating through Jacob Gassman, of Company F. struck there and then, and for the Arkansas while another was falling the Regiment of Virginia Cavalry, balance of the war Rosser rode that back through Tennessee. At every company Fay, as Gassman's home. to accompany Fay, as Gassman's home had been Cumberland, and he was also eral Kelley. But this was not the end drawn tighter and stronger around of "Phillippi." When that admirable the waning Confederacy. Lee, Bragg declined, as he was recovering from a soldier, John Arnold, returned home and others had, at different times, severe wound, and thought walking after the war had ended, he found that broken through these lines and drawn might be necessary on a part of the most iniquitious law requiring all or driven the Federal armies northjourney and he was unable to stand property taken from Union men durthe fatigue, but promised McNelli to ing the war to be paid for by Southaccompany him on his raid. Fay then chose a gallant lad from Missouri as his companion, named C. It. Haller, not yet out of his teens, but of well lested courage and prudence. The intested courage and prudence. The information secured, Haller was sent formation secured, Haller was sent letters found lying on General Crook's out of cavelry. At this time formation secured, Haller was sent letters found lying on General Crook's out belong to cavelry. 2000 strong. back to inform McNeill, who started at once on his hazardous undertaking, table, which Cassman gathered up, being soon joined by Fay. The capture thinking they might be official and controlled and the entrance into the would be of savying to the Confederate. would be of service to the Confederate | Kentucky, and has just reached the leaders. Among the letters were some from a young lady, daughter of the We cross the river into the State from a young lady, daughter of the proprietor of the hotel, and sister of one of the captors. She afterwards became the wife of General Crook, and General Kelley was quartered at Bar- without allowing any one to read num's Hotel (now the Windsor Hotel), them. After the war Mr. Gassman the command of Sergeant Joseph lady in question for carrying off her missives to her lover. On General Crook's table when the Rebs entered his room was found the half of fruit cake, which was supposed to be Maryland made, but their pockets were so full they had no way of carrying it off. One of them to this day says his mouth waters whenever he thinks At the same agorethese the same of that cake. Just think of it! They agorethese the same away leaving it untouched, Poor the same away leaving it untouched, Poo ginia, together with the headquarters ing sight of their pursuers, who did flags. A similar scene at the same not seem overanxious to approach too time was taking place at the Revere near. When reaching the Moorefield Hotel, where the party entering the Valley, the Ringgold Cavalry sent by command of Sergeant Sheridan came in sight, but on the diver, who passed him- opposite side of the river. Before reaching Moorefield, McNeill, realizing the enemy would reach the town first well known trail passed through the ridges cast of Moorefield to a point of security seven miles beyond, ridden ninety miles in the last twentyfours hours, including stops. Here Mc-Nelll and his men gained a well carn ed repose, which even his captives enanswered, "No!" and when they show answered, "No!" and when they show ed their revolvers pretty close to his head and said, "We want the truth," ed unmolested to Harrisonburg, where an event occurred which is interesting an event occurred which is interesting for a Gassman went at once to No. 46, as | few hours in Harrisonburg, a box of



him downstairs and placed him on a the writer are J. B. Fay, of washing-horse ready saddled and waiting. The same was done to General Kelley. Jacob Gassman, of Lexington, Va., an Captain Melvin, A. A. G. to General Kelley, was also taken. While this was merchant, a brave soldler and a Chris-being done a few of them, without tian gentleman.

WITH MORGAN'S MEN AROUND CINCINNATI

of wearing a captain's bars, mere skirmish, and which under a covered of the suggestion of Fay more skilful general may have proved Confederates in Suburbs of Ohio City—An Exciting Nocturnal hide With Death at the Head of the Column.

BY DON M'GREGOR.

ward for a distance of seventy-five pectedly halt and go into camp. We great armies lie safety.

where as night comes on our speed increases

Gusman went at once to No. 46, 48 as they had previously found the number of they had previously found the number of his room, and Gasman was of his room, and Gasman was of his room, and Gasman was a familiar with every room in the house. You had been and the standard former of the case, and the heat is rendered more been the number of the city has surrounded with the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of the city has surrounded with the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of the city has surrounded with the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of the city has surrounded with the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of the city has surrounded went to the off the city has surrounded with the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of the city has surrounded went to the off the city has surrounded went to the off the city has surrounded went to the off the city has surrounded with the land—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's possessions—had speech on the surrounded went to the off the city has surrounded we cannot see our hands before our familiar with every room in the death is rendered more for Mr. Fate's the case our hands before our familiar with every room in the death of Mr. Fate's noneed with the land—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's noneed with the line of Mr. Fate's noneed with the land—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's noneed with the line of Mr. Fate's noneed with the land—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's noneed with the land—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's noneed with the hand—all that is jet of Mr. Fate's none went to make a familiar with event of Mr. Fate's noneed with the city has a familiar with control of Mr. Fate's noneed with the city has a familiar with control of Mr. Fate's noneed with the city has a familiar with control of Mr. Fate's noneed with the city has a familiar with control of Mr. Fate's noneed with the case of Mr. Fate's noneed with the city has a familiar with famil

On July 8, 1863, the Southern Con- them until their heads strike the horses Fay assured Lieutenant McNeill that the enterprise was perfectly feasible, and volunteered to go and find out where these generals were quartered where the second the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two, and one of the the third that the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory soldier is now holding to the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two, and one of the theory was cut in two the theory was cut in two the theory was cut in two and one of the theory was cut in two the two the theory was cut in two the theory was cut in two the theory was cut in two the two two the two the two two the tw hoofs of a hundred horses.

An order goes up the line "Surgeon" to the rear! Surgeon to the rear!" listen for the surgeon, but hear him not. The call is in vain. There is no ing compared to the bellef that it was help now for a wounded soldier. The at John's house built upon this very land brave old surgeon who never before fatled to answer a call of a wounded Bacon died. This is the last word on | had Annie, who married John Mowcomrade is powerless. He is but an atom in this avalanche of cavalry and must move with it or sink beneath it. For a moment we pity the poor wound- of Dr. Thomas Green, in Gloucester. ed soldier and imagine all sorts of horrible things that might have happened his Uncle John, and at his house was to him, but for a moment only. impending dangers soon drive from our Colonel Thomas Pate was also a Bur-

ing lights in the distance. The soldier river, Bacon went over to Green Spring, is deceived by his excited imagination. the Governor's mansion, and rested for Darkness pervades everything. world is shut out from our view, but O! what a medly of discordant sounds Warner's plantation and then proceedhundred miles, capturing or fill our ears. The thundering of the was doubtless his flancee at that time. scattering the militia that attempts horses' hoofs on the rocky roads, the Mr. Gassman destroyed the letters to impede our march, and then unex-rattling of our equipments, the howling rattling of our equipments, the howling of dogs. A jackass in the distance brays long and loud, and it sounds as the distance brays long and loud, and it sounds as the locally death at the house of Mr. this enforced absence Robert Anderare now 300 or 400 miles from the brays long and loud, and it sounds as got quite a mild scoiding from the Confederate lines and in the heart if he were laughing and mocking us of the enemy's country, and their and the soldiers laugh back at him. between us and Our nerves are at high tension. The whole North is aroused, know not what lies concealed in this and 100,000 soldiers are rushing for-ward to intercept and capture Morgan ride into some death trap prepared for and his men. They are coming from us by the enemy. Escape seems im-

nati, the headquarters of Burnside and forgotten, and we ride exuitantly death in his bed, not to asperse him, the gateway through which pass daily through the darkness and listen for thousands of Federal soldiers on their some confirmation of the glorious news. thousands of Federal soldiers on their some confirmation of the glorious news, with drinking."

We are certain of success and our shown not how many soldiers are in Cincinnati, but believe there are many very centre of the city, and think of the city shoots across the young Virginia and the confirmation of the glorious news, with drinking."

However, the land grant of the Pates will hold for all ages the belief that here the flery rebel gave up a life which shoots across the young Virginia and the city and think of the city shoots across the young Virginia and the city and think of the city shoots across the young Virginia and the city and think of the city shoots across the young Virginia and the city thousands, and we expect to have a life and death contest with them before another sun rises.

Our little band of two thousand Confederates capturing the great city of
Cincinnati and 's armies of Federal The night is dark and hot; so dark soldiers. But, we ask ourselves, why

until, looking far to the east, we see the darkness slowly fading out, and now we know we are passing out of this miserable night many miles away from Cincinnati.

JOHN TYLER'S SPEECH.

Yes, Virginia's voice, as in the olden time, has been heard. Her sister States meet her this day at the council board. Vermont is here, bringing with her the memories of the past, and reviving in the memories of all her Ethan Alien and his demand for the surrender of Ticonderoga in the name of the Great Jehovah and the American Congress, New Hampshire is here, her fame illus, trated by the memories of the past of the conquerors at Waterloo. Missouri kins, and lowa and Minnesota atill linger behind, but it may be hoped that their hearts are with us in the great work we have to do.

LEE'S SURRENDER.

King had I kins.

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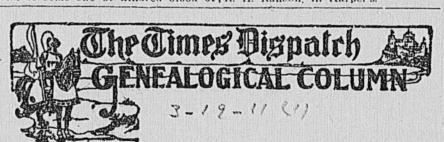
Will Debna sons, wildow Gryma in the American Congress, learning the conquerors at Waterloo. Missouri kins. Jehovah and the American Congress, New Hampshire is here, her fame illustrated by the memorable annals and still more lately as the birthplace of him who won for himself the name of defender of the Constitution, and who wrote the letter to John Taylor which has been ensirtined in the hearts of his

winder the intrenid warrior. Anthony Wayne, gave freedom of settlement to the territory of her sister, Ohio. She extends her hand daily and hourly across la belle riviere to grasp the hand of some one of kindred blood of R. H. Ranson, in Harpers.

take pride in having passed through its | the noble States of Indiana and Illinois | David Mason lived in Gloucester, 1768 and Ohio, who have grown up into pow- and William Mason, in 1782; orful States, already grand, potent

and almost imperial. Excerpt From Remarks of the Ex-Pres-

Attack That Was Never Made.



Pate.

Richard Pate was Burgess for Glou. cester county in 1653, and John Pate lives would be crushed out under the was Councilor in 1670. John and Richhoofs of a hundred horses. and Richard was Burgess is as nothing compared to the belief that it was and Mary Quarterly V., p. 279.) on Poropotank Creek, that Nathaniel this vital fact, although Oldmixon frequently inaccurately asserts that Nat Bacon died at the house Thomas Pate inherited the land from The ended Nathaniel Bacon's meteoric life, minds all thoughts of him.

As we ride along a soldier says to the church and dwellings at James"Look! there is the Ohio river." We town. Berkeley, the Governor, became look, but see only a few dim, flickerlaarmed and sailed away down the gess in 1684. John Becon had set fire The two or three days. Then he went over to Gloucester, stayed first at Colonel ed to Mr. Pate's, where he died. (Neill's 'Carolorum," 368.) What a dynamic incident was this

Pate! It gives life to the monotonous thing, his friends another, and the va. rious recorded witnesses of a pathetic event will sound forever along the ward to intercept and capture stores and his men. They are coming from the proper of the city, from the factory and from the city, from the factory and from the city, from the factory and from the school. They are rising in our very midst, and the man we see fleeling across the fields will soon be a soldler, armed and in pursuit of using the militia we defeated and scattered yesterday is already reassembling to ip in the pursuit. Yet we remain in camp and take our rest as unconcerned was if we over safely quartered in our own country.

After a delay of many hours, we mount our horses and ride in an old part of the concentration of these ordera. The critical standing high suvenile extravagance in the slade of the uncertainties and the heat, learning and study, knew how the gloom, and the uncertainty are to manage them to mirror the factory of the concentration of the concentratio

derson, who married Hannah Tyler. daughter of John Tyler, of Essex were the parents of one John Calvert, born February 22, 1766, probably in county, and these were the parents of Prince Robert Anderson, of Williamsburg, who moved from there to Bald Eagle Val-was born in Gloucester. He married ley, Pa. From there he moved to Beleon land grant was given to John in 1652. Helen Maxwell, widow of Peyton mont but the fact that John was Councilor Southall and daughter of Alexander 1847. and Elizabeth Macaulay. (See William Into Virginia. He was thought to be and Mary Quarterly V., p. 279.) the son of Thomas Calvert, who was

ring, of Gloucester; Sarah and William, who never married; Mary married Jacob Williamson, of Powhatan, and Rachel, who never married. James Anderson, besides his son, Robert, already mentioned, had William, who married Nancy Lowry; John,

who married Nancy Jackson. married, first, Nancy Shields, of Phila delphia, and, secondly, Hannah Wright a brother of John or an unch and Julia died early; and Henry, who in Powhatan county.
Robert Anderson was born in Glou-

always in Williamsburg, but because many families during the Revolution son was born a few hours after his land grant. Bacon's enemies said one | mother heard of the surrender of Cornwallis. "Good Mrs. Hearn" assisted at the natal ceremony.

Mrs. Helen Maxwell Southall Ander ages. Some said Nat Bacon son was for many years one of the was a hard drinker and that this un- best beloved citizens of Williamsburg.

Philips): Rebecca, who married George Newell; Rachel, who first married Rob-

Thomas Mason

nd almost imperial.

Tennessee is not here, but is coming prevented from being here only by the floods which have swollen her riv-1642-Joseph Crenshaw, neighbor nah, daughter of Samuel Bennett, Par-son Cluverius officiating. She married (second), 1861, Humphrey Tomkins, of Kingston Parish, who died 1671, and had Humphrey, William and John Tom-

1642-William Debnam, died 1658; will probated by widow, Catherina Debnam, in Gloucester county, 1658; sons, William and Philip Debnam. The widow married (second) Rev. Charles Grymes, and proved his will in Glouces. county, 1662, as his executrix.

(York County Records.)

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1642—Richard Caudle, neighbor to William Debnam. Thomas Debnam died in Gloucester, 1798; executors, Thomas Blacknall, William Debnam, of Waro Pacish, marginal beauty.

to see an answer in Sunday's paper, I Most appreciatively. "A' VISITOR "

1. Her husband's. 2. Can't do it. 3. Yes.

Editor Genealogical Column, TimesDispatch, Richmond, Va.:
Dear Madam,—My father emigrated from Richmond about 1844-45. His name was William Preston Venable. His brother, who left at the same time, was named Aden Venable; he was several years older than my father. They lived with an uncle just before they

ived with an uncle just before they eft Richmond. If you can give me any information

regarding my family I will be very grateful. Yours very truly,
MATTIE VENABLE FISHER.
301 Jeff Street, Paducah, Ky.

We are now trying to find out who

were the parents of one John Calvert, William county, Va., and who Peyton mont county, Ohio, and there died in He went back for a short time Besides James Anderson, William the son of Charles Calvert, who was Lord Baltimore. By others of our famlly he was thought to be the grandson of Cecil Calvert and to have married Esta Jones, a daughter of Sir William Jones: by others, to have married Esther Haines, and by still some of the rest, to have been twice married and to both of these women.

The name Isiae Calvert is well remembered by some of the older mem-bers of the family, but whether he was Southgate, of Richmond; Nancy marknown, for he was always called Uncle ried George Camp, of Norfolk; James Isaac, He did have one brother, Jacob. who was converted to the Methodist married his cousin, Sarah Williamson, faith and became a missionary to the in Powhatan county. Northwest Territory when Ohio was Robert Anderson was born in Gloustill a Territory. He founded the town cester, not because his parents lived of Jacobsburg, Ohio, and named it there, for they seem to have lived after himself. There also seem to have been brothers called Jobe and William Calvert. The main thing we wish to know is the name of his father and back to either Charles or Cecil Calvert,

Yours very respectfully, , MRS. H. L. HENDRICKS. 509 E. Madison Ave., Ioia, Kan. loia, Kap.

Auswers to Queries.

John Cocke had Wm. (2), who mar-ried Sarah Perrin.

Valentine Wood married Rachel, and

death in his bed, not to asperse him, with saying that he killed himself with drinking."

However, the land grant of the Pates will hold for all ages the belief that here the flory rebel gave up a life which shoots across the young Virginia & light will never fade.

Would that the land—all that is left of Mr. Pate's possessions—had speech and language and would reveal to as the soli of the pate is with interest, simply because the name of Isabella revolution.

Philips): Rebecca, who married George Nawell; Rachel, who first married Robinson, and, secondly, Warrington Thomas, and secondly, Warrington Thomas, born March 11, 1728, and died in James City county 1814.

The name of Pate no longer stands upon the civil or ecclesiastical records of the present Gloucester, but as long as the soil of the Pate grant exists like hand—all that is left of Mr. Pate's possessions—had speech and language and would reveal to as the soil of the Pate grant exists the name of Mr. Pate is so indissolubly.